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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Strategic Forces Division, OSR

ATTENTION:

THROUGH: Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, IRS

SUBJECT: Examination of RIM Buildings and Ground Support  
Equipment at MRBM Sites

REFERENCE: GMAIC (C-C09-85,712)  
NPIC Project 250429

1. This memorandum has been prepared in response to a request for a review of all 21 Soviet hard MRBM launch sites for the purpose of identifying those at which construction of Receiving-Inspection-Maintenance (RIM) buildings continued for more than 12 months following completion of the launch sites; and also to note those sites which display missile support equipment in amounts that are above that which is normally required for an MRBM site.

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2. An examination of the 21 hard MRBM sites revealed that RIM buildings are only associated with four of the sites. Of these there were only two at which RIM building construction continued for more than 12 months after completion of the launch site; these are Achkhoy-Martan (Groznyy 3) and Tym (Kurgancha 3). The construction of the RIM buildings at Postavy 2 (Postavy 3) and Redkino (Ostrov 3) launch sites was concurrent with the construction of the launch sites.

3. Only limited amounts of equipment have been observed at any of the hard MRBM sites. The most observed at any one site consisted of two silo loaders, one or two nosecone dollies and a missile transporter. This amount contrasts to that seen at a number of hard IRBM sites where as many as nine missile transporters have been seen.

4. Missile equipment in excess of that required for four launch pads has been observed at one of the soft sites in the Groznyy, Kurgancha, Postavy and Ostrov MRBM complexes. Although this excess equipment is sufficient to service two more launch pads there is no evidence that any of the additional equipment will be utilized at any of the hard sites in these complexes.

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